

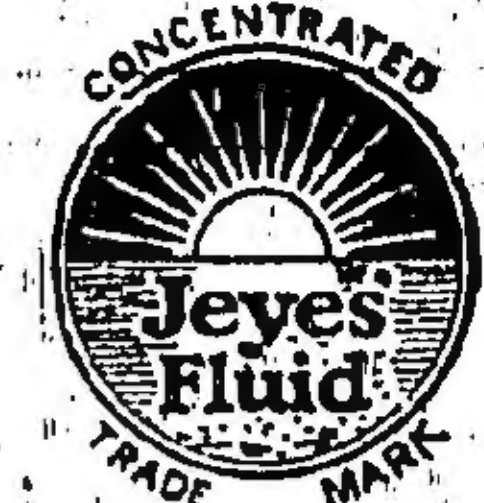
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### CHERCHEZ LA FEMME.

#### CUMMINS' INCIDENT EXPLAINED.

##### "MOST ROMANTIC" STORY.

#### DEFENCELESS WOMAN AND BRAVE AMERICAN.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, June 19.

That a woman is at the bottom of the Anglo-Mexican trouble appeared from Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's statement in the House of Commons today. He said Mexico had accused Mr. Cummins of writing insulting letters and demanded his immediate withdrawal. The letters which Mr. MacDonald had read related to an attempt by the Mexican Government to dispossess a British subject Mrs. Evans, of her farm.

Mr. MacDonald said there was nothing objectionable in the letters. (Cheers.) If foreign officers objected to such communications there would soon be no diplomatic relations at all. The Mexican Government's behaviour was inexcusable as it threatened to break into the Legation on June 16 if Mr. Cummins did not surrender.

#### PROTECTING BRITISH SUBJECTS.

Mr. MacDonald warned the Consul General of the gravity of such a step and requested that action be suspended until the Hohler Mission had arrived. The Mexican Government refused. The United States Government at Mr. MacDonald's request had arranged the safe withdrawal of Mr. Cummins and would take charge of the Legation. Mr. MacDonald, amid cheers, emphasised the necessity of protecting British subjects and safeguarding the British Government's dignity. He concluded that he was not quite sure what had happened to Mrs. Evans but believed she had met no harm. The whole story was most romantic. One of Mr. Cummins' letters said she was left defenceless and alone except for the assistance of a brave young American.

#### PRESIDENT'S ORDER.

MEXICO CITY, June 19.

President Obregon has ordered stoppage of proceedings for the expulsion of Mr. Cummins after learning that Britain is withdrawing Mr. Cummins to-morrow.

#### SOUTH AFRICA.

#### LABOUR GOVERNMENT CERTAIN.

##### GENERAL OPTIMISM.

LONDON, June 19.

The Nationalist-Labourite pact which overthrew the Smuts Government was formed for the election only. It is noteworthy that the Labourites who are predominantly British imposed a condition to which the Nationalists agreed that the latter, if successful, would not raise the question of secession from the Empire during the life-time of the new Parliament. The Nationalists are Dutch extremists, avowedly republican, their political views diametrically opposed to those of Labour; but the latter probably hold the balance between the Nationalists and the South African Party.

In the new Assembly General Smuts has lost most of his ablest supporters, the latest being the Minister of Finance, Mr. Burton, who was defeated at Ladysmith.

A message from Cape Town says a Hertzog Government is now regarded as certainty. The whole of the South African press congratulates the victors and hopes that everyone will do this best to help the new Government to continue the work of advancement and development of the union.

Newspapers in London deplore the defeat of General Smuts, one of the greatest figures of the Empire, but emphasise the local nature of the issues involved. While speculating on the uncertainty of South Africa's political future they declare the Labourites will be a useful check to the Republican Nationalists, while the latter are unlikely to treat labour extremists in the Rand with greater indulgence than the old administration. It is the consensus of opinion that responsibility of office will bring moderation and South Africa, as elsewhere, will benefit from new men and new methods.

#### ANOTHER SENSATION.

#### MUSSOLINI'S LIEUTENANT ARRESTED.

##### MISSING DEPUTY SEQUEL.

ROME, June 19.

The arrest of Signor Marinelli, one of the original Fascists and administrative secretary of the party since its foundation and enjoying authority second only to Mussolini's, has amazed and shocked the public though the fact he was not included in the Directory mentioned on June 16, had already revealed he no longer enjoyed Mussolini's confidence.

#### INDIA'S PROBLEM.

LONDON, June 19.

The terms of reference of the committee which the Government of India is appointing to enquire into the difficulties and defects in the working of the Government of India Act show that the committee may only suggest remedies consistent with the structure and purpose of the Act and such amendments as may be necessary to rectify administrative imperfections.

Members include Sir Alexander Muddiman (chairman), Maharaja Burdwan, Sir Muhammad Shafi and Sir Tej Sapru.

#### DAVIS CUP CONTEST.

##### FRANCE DEFEATS INDIA.

PARIS, June 19.

In the Davis Cup Contest (France) beat Slein (India) 6-4, 6-6, 6-4, 2-6, 6-0. Jacob (India) received a walk-over from Lacoste. France won by 4 matches to 1.

### HOME CRICKET.

#### ESSEX v. SOUTH AFRICANS.

##### COUNTY'S FINE RECOVERY.

LONDON, June 19.

At Colchester, the Essex v. South Africans match was continued in fine weather, before 3,000 spectators, on a good wicket. The South Africans were all out just before lunch for 265. Taylor made 126, his being a superb, changeless effort in 2 hours and 25 minutes; he hit 17 fours. Nourse compiled a sound 48. Louden finished up with an average of 6 wickets for 71 runs, his analysis for to-day being 6 for 25.

Essex made 296 for 7 wickets. Russell contributed 108 in 3 hours. He hit 10 fours and gave a display of cutting and driving. O'Connor scored 51. [Russell (A. C.) is the Essex batsman who in South Africa last year materially helped to win the fifth and deciding Test Match by scoring 140 and 111 for England.]

#### COUNTY MATCHES.

##### Surrey v. Derby.

At the Oval, Surrey beat Derbyshire by an innings and 34 runs. Derby made 130 and 120. (Sadler 4 for 23 and 5 for 32.) Surrey made 284 for 9 declared (Hobbs 118 not out.)

##### Yorkshire v. Somerset.

At Dewsbury, Yorkshire beat Somerset by an innings and 202 runs. Somerset's totals were 132 and 100 (Macaulay 3 for 10) Yorkshire made 434 for 8 declared. Sutcliffe compiling the highest score of the season—213.

##### Sussex v. Worcester.

At Horsham, Sussex beat Worcestershire by five wickets. Worcester scored 280 (M. Foster 157 not out) and 57 (Tate 8 for 18). Sussex made 155 and 184 for 5 wickets.

##### Leicester v. Light Blues.

At Leicester, Cambridge University beat Leicestershire by four wickets. Cambridge's totals were 138 and 185 for 6. Leicester made 221 and 101.

#### BRITAIN'S TENNIS VICTORY.

#### LADIES OF AMERICA BEATEN EASILY.

LONDON, June 19.

At Wimbledon in the ladies' international lawn-tennis match Britain beat America by winning the first four of seven matches.

Miss McKane (Britain) beat Miss Wills (the American champion) by superior play in all departments.

Mrs. Covell (Britain) beat Mrs. Mallory 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.

Mrs. Beamish (Britain) beat Miss Goss 6-1, 8-10, 6-3.

Miss Wills and Mrs. Wightman (America) beat Miss McKane and Miss Colyer (Britain) 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

LATER.

Britain thus won by 6 matches to 1.

#### AMERICA'S NEXT PRESIDENT.

#### DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION NOMINEE.

##### EXCITING TUSSELE EXPECTED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, June 19.

The Democratic Convention which will meet at Madison Square Garden next week is expected to be highly exciting. Mr. McAdoo and Governor Smith of New York, are regarded as the most likely Presidential nominees. The former has had a triumphal tour from California to New York, where the response of an enthusiastic welcome on arrival assented the belief that he will be nominated. Dark horses are ex-ambassador John W. Davis, Senator Underwood, Albert C. Ritchie, Governor of Maryland, Governor Ralston and Senator Carter Glass.

#### FRANCE'S POLITICS.

PARIS, June 19.

The socialist attitude towards the Herriot Government was deflected in a statement by M. Paul Faure in the Chamber of Deputies, namely that the Socialists retain independence but support the Government as long as the latter remains true to its own principles.

M. Herriot foreshadowed stringent financial retrenchment and rigorous collection of income tax. He declared at present there was no question of a capital levy.

PARIS, June 19.

Prior to M. Herriot's departure to London, the Chamber of Deputies passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 313 to 234 votes.

The Polcarist, M. Desvignes, was elected President of the Senate by 151 to 134 votes, against M. Herriot's candidate M. Bievaux-Martin.

#### CONDITIONS MORE PROMISING.

#### WONDERFUL TRADE IMPROVEMENT.

LONDON, June 19.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Sydney Webb, President of the Board of Trade, introducing the Board of Trade estimates, said that trade conditions were considerably more promising than last year. There had been a wonderful increase of imports, mainly of principal raw materials on which British commerce depended. Exports had also increased. The coal and steel production of Britain had reached pre-war figures.

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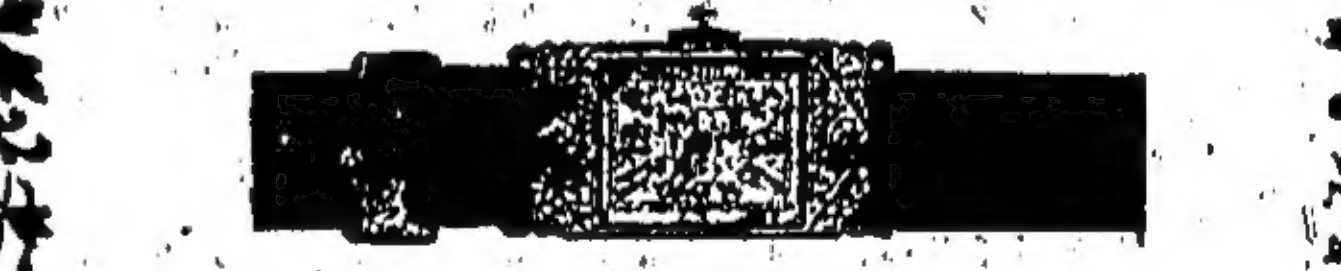
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## SUPERSTITIONS.

BACK LAR WHO CAME FROM  
THE CHINESE.

Almost impossible to find the  
superstitions of a people, for  
they are so numerous and so  
deeply rooted in the minds of  
those who hold them, that they  
often seem to be a part of the  
very nature of the people.

Waterspouts are once regarded  
with much superstition, though  
now with few, and we read that  
the crew of Columbus carried with  
him on his first voyage went nearly  
wild with terror at the first they  
encountered, though afterwards  
finding, as they thought, an in-  
fallible charm against its power,  
they rested easy, this charm  
being the usual reputation of  
passages of the sea, when the  
Evangelist.

In the good days there were  
believed in by a people in the  
East as those in the West, and  
less a person in the East, or  
of the East, in the thirteenth  
century, tells how in some remote  
fishing village, one Sabbath  
morning, as all the folk were  
stocking out of fish, they saw  
a ship's anchor heaved to a level  
of stones, it was reaching up  
into the clouds.

Presently the rope began to  
tighten and, as it is thought, the  
crew were endeavouring to slip  
the anchor—saw the excitement  
of this was a very long and  
probably very dry sermon! Still  
it stuck, and to above the heads  
of the gazing crowd, up in the  
clouds, was heard a clamorous  
argument, which was finally ended  
by a sailor sliding down the rope.

Unfortunately, the crowd, in  
their eagerness to see this super-  
natural Jack Tar, crowded so close  
round him that he fell from sheer  
lack of the pure air he was ac-  
customed to, while after a time his  
shipmates cut the cable and sailed  
away, leaving behind them their  
anchor, which was melted down as  
a memento of the event into chains  
and hinges for the church door.  
Or so the holy fathers said.

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rather minimises a remarkable fea-  
ture of his reign. The fact is, of  
course, that he was a King before  
his earliest infancy, his father,  
Alfonso XII, having died of  
typhoid some months before his  
birth—not long after having, or so  
the story goes, sat down at a  
luncheon party of thirteen. I can-  
not remember any other recent  
instance of a King succeeding to  
his throne before being born (says  
an *Evening Standard* writer) though  
Gibbon mentions one that occurred  
in the kingdom of Persia and gives  
some curious details of the cere-  
monies observed.

## Duse's Hands.

I have one souvenir of the great  
Duse and of her last visit to Lon-  
don, last June—the staff, rough-  
hewn from a young tree, on which  
she leaned in "Cosi Sia," the last  
play in which she appeared at the  
New Oxford Theatre (says a London  
*Evening News* writer). After that  
performance of "Cosi Sia" Miss  
Fay Compton came away crying.  
She said she felt she could hardly  
face her own audience that night.  
In the last act for nearly half the  
period she was on the stage Duse  
crushed behind a pillar in the  
mountain shrine where she had  
gone to die. For many minutes  
the audience saw only her  
outstretched hands and heard the  
sobs in her voice. Duse has been  
called the lady of the beautiful  
hands. They were long, thin, and  
exquisitely shaped, and came  
much into play as she arranged the  
long "expressive" robes she wore  
in all her parts. Her voice, gentle,  
pleading, could be mistaken for no  
other voice in the world. Her  
silences were more moving than  
many competent actresses' most  
pungent outbursts. She had the  
view that no one should act more  
than once a week. When she per-  
formed at a matinee she would go  
to her dressing-room before noon  
and remain there until her call  
came. She did that to steep her-  
self in the atmosphere of the thea-  
tre. On the hottest days she would  
have the theatre centrally heated to  
tropical warmth.

She never could travel in a smok-  
ing compartment. When last May  
she journeyed to London she was  
surprised there was no one part of  
our Pullman restaurant trains for  
non-smokers; but sat in an im-  
proved seat in the entrance corridor.  
Before that, though carrying the  
highest credentials from our Em-  
bassies, she had found that it was  
necessary for her to have a permit  
from the Ministry of Labour to  
enable her to land at Folkestone.

## Duke of Connaught 74.

No member of the Royal Family  
is more popular than the Duke of  
Connaught, who is now seventy-  
four. The Duke does not  
look his age, and his health is  
good. But for some years he has  
had to winter in the South of  
France owing to throat trouble.  
His enviable figure—he is as slim  
and upright as a man half his  
age—is partly the result of  
vigorous pre-breakfast physical  
drill. That the godson of the  
great Duke of Wellington is still  
living is something of a link with  
the past. The Duke of Connaught  
owes his name Arthur to the hero  
of Waterloo, and he figures, as a  
tiny baby, in the famous Winter-  
halter portrait-group in which his  
aged grandfather is presenting a  
casket to Queen Victoria and the  
Prince Consort. This was painted  
in 1851.

## Labour Men's Flowers.

With remarkably few exceptions  
the members of the Government  
and leaders of Labour, inside and  
outside St. Stephen's, are great  
lovers of flowers, writes Cyril  
Harding in the *Daily News*.  
Knowing the love of the beautiful  
in Nature possessed by Labour  
leaders, I ventured to ask a few to  
tell me their favourite flower, and  
why they chose it. The Prime  
Minister replied: "My favourite  
is the daffodil, because it comes in  
the spring, and is so full of life  
and dignity." The reply is  
typical of the character of Mr.  
Ramsay MacDonald. Mr. James  
C. Welsh the author of "The  
Under-world," and known through-  
out the land as "The Miners'  
Poet," writes: "My favourite  
flower is the rose—all kinds; but  
why it is a difficult question.  
But it seems to combine within it  
an appeal to all the senses—  
colour, form, fragrance, and  
softness—and is at once an epic of  
creation and a lyric of surpassing  
beauty." The Countess of  
Warwick says: "It is impossible  
to have a favourite flower, because  
one would have to wait months  
every year without it. I love all  
flowers in their season, and  
everything that grows is full of  
interest in every season." The  
favourite of Mr. J. H. Thomas, the  
Colonial Secretary, is the primrose  
but Mr. Thomas does not tell me  
why. The Minister of Transport,  
Mr. Harry Gosling, selects the  
daisy, because "it is the most  
democratic and friendly." Mr.  
George Lansbury's reply is also  
typical of the man. He writes: "My  
favourite flowers are violets.  
There is no reason, only that I  
like them."

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## The Prince's Energy.

Nobody who sees the Prince of  
Wales and notes his slightness of  
build and his air of being con-  
stantly at a high nervous tension  
can understand how he continues  
to cram so much activity into his  
days. He may be dancing well  
into the small hours, but that will  
not prevent his being out for rid-  
ing exercise early next morning  
(says a *Daily Chronicle* writer).  
Last season, with one of his  
brothers he would motor down from  
town, be in the saddle by 8, and  
back at St. James's Palace before  
his less energetic friends were  
ready for breakfast.

## Mr Arnold Bennett.

There are some characteristic  
Arnold Bennettisms in an uncon-  
ventional conversation recorded  
by Miss Sylvia Lynd in *The Queen*.  
Asked if he ever thought about  
writing a novel about country life,  
Mr. Bennett said, "I can't write  
about what I do not know. Trains  
and restaurants, you can get hold  
of that sort of thing at once. I saw  
the Savoy for the first time at the  
beginning of the '90's, and I got  
hold of it at once—not once. But the  
country—you would have had to  
live there when you were a child."  
"London is the place for me," he  
added.  
"You can't conceive the bore-  
dom of life in the Potteries."  
Among other Bennettisms are  
the following:—  
"If I could sleep well every  
night, I could eat the world."  
"I hate about three people, sim-  
ply hate 'em, but most people, I  
like."  
"I like meeting people, I like  
talking to people."  
"The man's original" (speaking  
of Mr. Powys), "Black Byron, he  
really interested me, and to be  
really interested, that is very rare."

## An Island Home.

Twice in less than eight years  
the mansion on Elg, Sir William  
Petersen's island home on the  
West Coast of Scotland, has been  
destroyed by fire. When the then  
Mr. Petersen, the shipowner, of  
Portland Place, and Heron's Ghyll,  
Sussex, was on his way to take  
possession after purchasing the  
island he was informed by telegram  
(says the *Star*) that the house had  
been burnt down, together with its  
priceless contents, which included  
an extensive library pertaining to  
the Western Islands and the High-  
lands. He rebuilt the mansion  
and began collecting another  
library of Northern literature,  
which presumably has been  
destroyed.

Sir William, who, though a Dane  
by birth, is naturalised here and  
had an Irish mother, has had some  
heavy troubles. The death of his  
wife, a Scottish Sinclair, was  
followed by that of his only son,  
who fell in action, and then one of  
his beautiful daughters died, Flora,  
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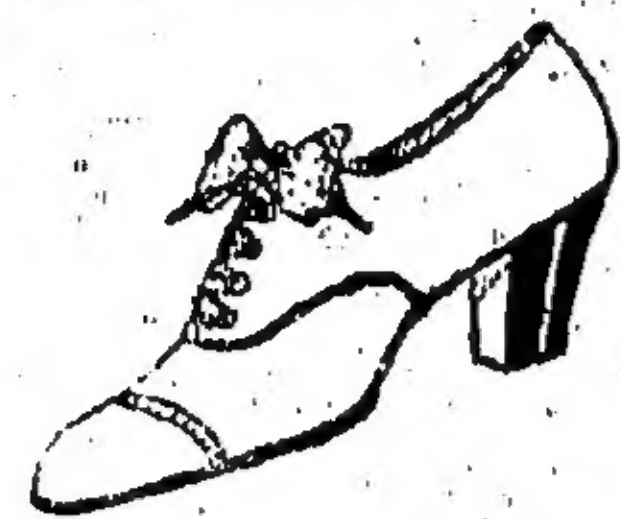
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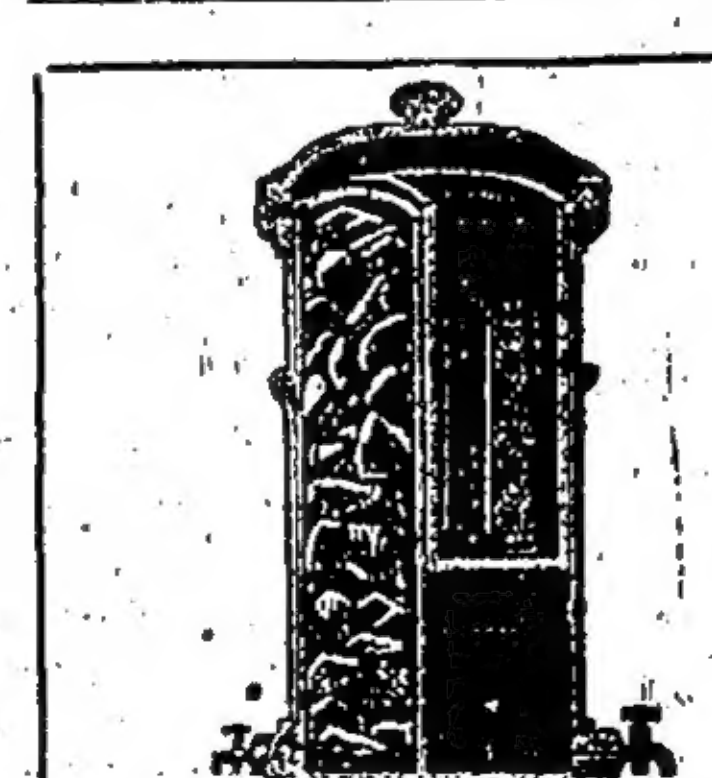
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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

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Mr. Winston Churchill has received an invitation from the Royton Division Conservatives to stand as their candidate at the next election.

Great sums were obtained for the chief trophies in the Swaythling collection of Old English silver sold recently, and the total of the two days reached over £20,000.

The Secretary for Scotland obtained leave to introduce a bill to bridge the interval until legislation of a permanent character could be passed in regard to the superannuation of teachers in Scotland.

The King and Queen paid a visit to the Empire Exhibition at Wembley, the Royal party also including the Duke and Duchess of York and Prince Axel of Denmark.

Diophon, owned by the Aga Khan, won the Two Thousand Guineas at Newmarket by a head from Lord Astor's Bright Knight, with Green Fire a neck away, third, and Tom Pinch favourite, fourth.

By 104,091 votes to 13,462, the operatives in the building trades have rejected the terms offered by the employers. A majority recorded their votes in favour of further negotiations, and for a strike should these prove abortive.

Late in his political life, Mr. Asquith stated, he had become a convert to Proportional Representation as the result of observation and experience. Machinery was needed to secure that the actual majority of the electorate should govern, and that no substantial majority should be left without representation.

Crowds thronged the space around the cottage where Emily Bellby "Raye" was murdered, in the hope of seeing the accused man when he was brought there to attend the inquest, and some shocking scenes were witnessed. As he was being removed in a fast motor-car people rushed after it, many women going so far as to spit upon the windows.

Lord Arnold, while protesting against his language, answered a question by Lord Raglan as to the situation in Transjordan and Palestine. The Government, he said, intended to pursue the policy of their predecessors in Palestine, and, while he was not free from anxiety as to Transjordan, there was nothing to justify the language of the question. It was hoped to have a friendly discussion with the Amir.

Presiding at the annual demonstration of the Primrose League, the Marquis Curzon said the sum total of the Government's contribution to the solution of the unemployment problem was to add to unemployment by the abolition of the McKenna duties. In the sphere of foreign affairs the only thing they had done was to sit in friendly conference with representatives of the cruellest and most bloody Government that had been known since the French Revolution.

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IDIOTCY AND CRIME.

FAMOUS JUDGE DISSECTS INSANITY PLEA.

Following an article on Capital Punishment, Lord Darling, who recently retired as Mr. Justice Darling after a great career, has written this examination of the plea of "irresistible impulse," says the *Evening News*.

Many mental specialists are seriously arguing that as the impulse to crime is irresistible in certain cases the criminal being what he is, he should not be held responsible for his action.

Lord Darling points out where the acceptance of such a plea in the law of England would lead us.

Lawyers and doctors alike agree that crimes may be committed by those who are rightly called "insane." Some few persons do indeed vehemently proceed to contend that no sane man can ever give way to a criminal act—and this because in the long run, crime does not pay. But this argument may well involve the proposition that no sane person will gamble, or bet on a result not already known to himself, and truly of this kind of wise men I have sent to jail some, although those who have wagered and most often lost have so far avoided the asylum. It would appear, then, that just as it is a fact that there are sane criminals and mad ones, and also many honest madmen. Indeed, it may well be that most madmen are indifferent honest, as most sane men are. So crime and madness, together and separately, present many difficult problems.

SICK CRIMINALS.

For myself, I have no sympathy with those who take all crime for a disease made manifest, and who so would pardon all rogues. I will, however, help them to an argument, of which I fancy, they are none of them aware. Although they will look in vain for this in their books of "medical jurisprudence" they will find it, should they be sufficiently industrious, in the *Reflexions Diverses* of M. le Duc de la Rochefoucauld. Yet, since nothing obtained without labour is worth the having, I will not more exactly indicate the place.

Within the last two or three years certain "cases" have come before our criminal courts which have led to much public discussion concerning crimes and the responsibility of those who commit them; and so the Lord Chancellor did, in July, 1922, constitute a committee, under the presidency of Lord Justice Atkin, to consider and report upon what changes, if any, are desirable in the existing law, practice and procedure relating to criminal trials in which the plea of insanity as a defence is raised, etc. Much evidence was given by and on behalf of doctors of medicine and others especially interested in the diagnosis and treatment of insanity, and the inquiry resulted in a report which appears to be admirable for its fulness of information and its fairness of statement and argument. But one of its recommendations must necessarily provoke further discussion.

It is necessary to remember always that our law only excuses a criminal act should it be proved to be the consequence of a disease of the mind. Now, two schools of thought were represented by the medical men who appeared before the committee—i.e., the Council of the British Medical Association, and the Medico-Psychological Association. In the end the committee practically, and essentially, adopted the views of the British Medical Association. The differences between the views of these two associations are fundamental.

THE MODERN VIEW.

In the report of the Medico-Psychological Association it is stated that "Unsoundness of mind is no longer regarded as in essence a disorder of the intellectual or cognitive faculties. The modern view is that it is something much more profoundly related to the whole organism—a morbid change in the emotional and instinctive activities with or without intellectual derangement." Now this definition was accepted by the witnesses for the British Medical Association, and also by Lord Justice Atkin's committee. Then from this the two medical associations diverge. It is stated by the committee that the Medico-Psychological Association "give no clue to what they regard as the test of criminal responsibility. . . . The substance of their evidence was that insanity and irresponsibility were co-extensive." Now this meant that the accused if insane as defined is to be held "immune from punishment for any act he might commit in violation of the criminal law." But the British Medical Association, on the other hand, expressly admit that "an act may be a crime although the mind of the person who does it is affected by disease, or defective power, in such disease or defect does not, in fact prevent him."

(a) From knowing and appreciating the nature and quality of his act or the circumstances in which it is done; or

(b) From knowing and appreciating that his act is wrong; or

(c) From controlling his own conduct, unless the absence of the power of control is the direct and immediate consequence of his own default."

"UNCONTROLLABLE" IMPULSE.

Further, the British Medical Association go on to declare that "no act is a crime if the person who does it is, at the time it is done, prevented, either by defective mental power, or by any disease affecting the mind—

(a) From either knowing or appreciating the nature and quality of his act, or the circumstances in which it is done; or

(b) From either knowing or appreciating that the act is wrong; or

(c) From controlling his own conduct, unless the absence of the power of control is the direct and immediate consequence of his own default."

Now par. (c) would introduce a change in procedure at trials, and demands grave consideration. We have now reached I think, the point around which such future contests as there may be will take place. Lord Justice Atkin's committee have come to the conclusion that "there are cases of mental disorder where the impulse to a criminal act recurs with increasing force until it is in fact uncontrollable," and they recommend a declaration amounting to an alteration or extension of the law in these terms:—

"The suggested rule, however, postulates mental disease; and we think that the law does recognise irresponsibility on the ground of insanity where the act was committed under an impulse which the prisoner was, by mental disease, in substance deprived of any power to resist."

SPECIFIC CONTROL.

"They proceed to point out that the question to be determined should be, not whether the accused could control his conduct generally, but could control it in reference to the particular act or acts charged."

Some of our judges in recent years, where cogent evidence has been given as to the mental condition and the conduct of the accused, have admitted some extension of the McNaghten rules in the same sense as the recommendation of the committee. And these judges have directed juries that an uncontrollable impulse, due to and directly arising out of mental disease, may so operate as to relieve the accused from criminal responsibility.

The existing rules are plain, and judges have found little difficulty in showing to juries how they apply the facts proved in evidence and to the opinion given by medical witnesses. If enacted, the new rule must be expressed in clear and simple language. It already obtains in some parts of the King's dominions, and it would, I think, ally the regrettable differences which have long existed between physicians and jurists.

NOT LIMITED TO MURDER.

Lord Justice Atkin's committee do indeed express the opinion—following one of Mr. Justice Stephen as given in one of his books, but not acted on after he became a judge—that the formula they suggest is already within the existing law. They state, however, that "there seem to be definite decisions of the Court of Appeal the other way." In a well-known case not long since decided a learned judge seems to have so directed the jury as to raise this question; but the Court of Criminal Appeal had not the opportunity of deciding this point, for the jury found that the man was not insane when he committed the act, and against that finding he did not in terms appeal.

But gifts have often dangers in themselves, and so it must never be forgotten when this matter is discussed that the suggested new defence cannot be limited to murder, but is as good an answer to any other criminal charge. At present the explanation offered by a solicitor to a police magistrate is that his rich client discovered with her muff full of lace and chocolate—the lawful property of Mr. Selfridge or The Stores—has lost in war a dearly-loved cousin, or in Bond Street a favourite dog, and, momentarily, her memory, but this excuse is wearing out by lapse of time; just as in the United States where under General Washington are now at last perhaps extinct. We must remember that a judge or magistrate must be guided by the evidence before him and not by mere deference to the contention based upon it by the advocates.

BEAR AND MOUSE.

So, should the defence of "irresistible impulse" be allowed by the law of England, many impulsive slanders may regretfully disappear the days of prison or a fine. Some of those who may hope to profit by scientific suggestions of their own weakness of mind may be grateful to me for reminding them of the fable of the Bear and the Mouse. There it is recorded that the bear, having constituted himself the friend and protector of the mouse, and observing that a fly had settled on

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This dock, which has been altered to meet the special requirements of the undertaking, will at Scapa Flow be cut in two, and a hull will be placed on each side of the first vessel to be raised.

Large grappling hooks will be dropped over a parallel line of pulleys. These will grip the submarine's portholes or other convenient parts, and as the hauling machinery to be employed is capable of raising 4,000 tons, the firm anticipate that the submarine will be brought to the surface in a fortnight. Following this will come the raising of the Hindenburg. This battle-cruiser, weighing 27,000 tons, lies in 36 feet of water. It is hoped to bring her to the surface by Christmas.

Every porthole, hatch, and other opening is to be sealed by divers. Vertical steel tubes extending from the surface are to be fixed, and down them will be lowered motors which will pump water from the sunken vessel, which will then gradually lift.

the morsel of cheese which the mouse was ecstatically nibbling, struck a blow fatal to fly and mouse alike. Let no one suppose that I think ill of a remedy which would restrain in Broadmoor gentle shop-lifters or pickpockets insane enough to be caught in flagrante delicto. I am content to say Fiat Justitia, even if this happen by accident; more especially as certain scientific men feel assured that the Universe itself had the same happy origin.

To me it seems that—since the question has been raised by so competent a committee—it is not fair to leave the matter long in doubt and suspense, for this will gravely embarrass the judges. Parliament should decide, and before this happens the whole question of irresistible impulse will probably be debated.

HARM BY STEALTH.

Philosophers have not confined this doctrine of necessitated conduct to the insane alone. The physicians may have done so; but the metaphysicians have questioned whether any man ever may do as he would. Divines have inevitably been drawn into the whirlpool, and Scotland, especially, has revelled in disputes regarding free-will and predestination.

What may be called the Automatic School have lately reinforced the old well-worn arguments with a theory that man has two minds, the conscious and the sub-conscious; and witnesses are not hard to find who will explain to any jury that it was the sub-conscious one alone which was active when their protégé committed crime. May not one say of such unfortunates that they do harm by stealth. And blush to find it crime.

MAN'S CHOICE.

But if automata may do wrong unconsciously we may well suppose that they may do right, and then none should deserve, or receive, either punishment or reward. What a prospect that opens before us of a world not disfigured by prisons nor adorned with Orders, but plain, primeval, simplex munditiis. Although I have striven to be impartial I must conclude by saying that, for myself, I think man has his choice, except disease of the mind, deprive him of it. I have found in no text book, legal or medical, words so good as these which Milton attributes to the Creator of all men—

"I made him just and right, Sufficient to have stood, though free to fall. Freely they stood who stood, and fell who fell. Not free, what proof could they have given sincere Of true allegiance, constant faith or love? Where only what they needs must do appear? Not what they would? What praise could they receive?"



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HOME POLITICS.

The Homeland's Labour Government is being almost continually subjected to galling fires, alternately from enemies on its right and left front, and not infrequently from snipers in its rear. Occasionally, too, it suffers minor reverses from a concentrated attack from two or all three of these quarters at once. So far, however, it has not been exposed to any real danger of defeat. It has escaped the fate of the present House really because it has not, up to the present, given battle to the Opposition parties on any really vital issue of its policy. In the past, as by-elections have shown, it has not lost, and has possibly gained, ground. The Parliament, whereas the present Government dominates the Government, the Government dominates the Parliament. The Government's policy, as it is held, is that it has been a state of things which is strictly in accord with the national non-attachment with the British constitution. That is why Mr. Baldwin during the preference debate reported yesterday had to admit that if his resolutions were defeated there could be no talk of any breach of faith, because, as he added, Parliament is supreme. How long Parliament will remain supreme it is difficult to foretell, though it is almost certain that any attempt by the Government to introduce drastic class legislation will produce a crisis that will lead to another general election, which might possibly alter the standing of the Parties and as a result the influence of the new Parliament over the next Government formed. Beyond that it is at present impossible to look.

Trust Of Servants.

Mr. Justice Dyer Ball in giving judgment in a case at the Criminal Sessions yesterday said he could hardly conceive of a worse type of robbery than that in which the trust of a master and his aged mother was violated by one of their servants, the mother ill-treated and goods stolen in the absence of the son. While many will doubt if this is a worse type of robbery than an armed one, in which life itself is threatened there is no doubt that the problem of the trust of servants is a very vital one and that any general violation of this trust on the part of servants left in charge of houses would lead to a very serious state of affairs. There are many houses in the Colony which are left in entire charge of servants for the greater part of the day and although many of them have been in the service of the families they serve for many years and need no reminders of the serious charges they lay themselves open to if they violate the trust placed in them it is just as well that any servants caught so doing should be very severely dealt with. The sentence of seven years' hard labour with twelve strokes of the birch which Mr. Justice Dyer Ball imposed in yesterday's case, is by no means too severe.

What "Foki" Means.

Many people in Hongkong have a misconception of what the word *foki* actually means in Chinese. Europeans usually understand it to convey a junior employee of a Chinese shop, or one in a position devoid of executive responsibility and performing manual or semi-manual duties. From the Chinese point of view this is entirely wrong. Actually the term means anybody working for the same concern. Thus it is proper for the youngest apprentice to say that he has been *foki* with the chief executive and *vice versa*. The term's origin is doubtful, but it can be classed as Chinese slang (like *lucky* for a Chinese constable). It is never employed in writing, an equivalent using the same first character serving in its place. This first character refers to cooking and food. Accordingly, it is thought that the word must have been derived from the Chinese custom of a firm providing all meals for the establishment and it not being considered *infra dig* for a master to eat at the same table as the most humble of his subordinates. Its present use is probably due to the custom of the Chinese in describing themselves as *fokis* of a certain shop when they mean those who are engaged in the shop's interests. By common use the term has been debased and is now a colloquialism. A man will refer to his wife as his *foki*. Members of pirate and robber gangs usually address one another as *foki*.

OUT OF DATE. "Honesty is the best policy" might well be expunged from the copybooks. The underlying idea is as false as that which rewards a child for telling the truth. And, as everybody knows, honesty is very often not the best policy. But the child or the man who is honest from motives of policy and not of principle is not honest at all.

YANGTZE REPORTS. That the report of the Yangtze River Commission which was appointed by the Chinese Government, is of great commercial interest and states its case for future guidance in connection with the many problems of the river with wonderful clearness is indisputable. The Yangtze River constitutes a factor in the economic life of the Chinese people of a magnitude undreamed of by the great majority of the peoples of the Occident. Think of it: this mighty stream collects and pours into the Yellow Sea the waters of an area of 750,000 square miles, within the boundaries of which

close on 200,000,000 human beings dwell. With a length of 3,600 miles—only 400 less than the King of Water, the world-famed Amazon—it is navigable for more than half this distance and is the main avenue in a system of waterways of highly diverse and complex character, many of its tributaries being themselves navigable for hundreds of miles.

CINEMA. Signor Mussolini voyaged from Syracuse to Augusta the other week in a submarine. He returned in a seaplane. The pose of Italy's strong man must be maintained. That erstwhile blackskirted gentleman believes in colour in politics. Is it the usual thing for the chief statesmen of Europe to use submarines and seaplanes? Of course not. Therefore Signor Mussolini must terrify the fishes of the sea and the birds of the air.

QUESTION OF THAT BLACK IS WHITE COLOUR. A man who says "is usually branded as the last word in argumentativeness" and he who contends that brown is white is considered argumentative to only a slightly less degree. Seldom, however, has a person been found who is willing to fight even the second proposition in a court of law; and in that respect Dr. Sudhindra Bose, a naturalised Indian, who is a lecturer at the University of Iowa, is probably quite unique, for the cables tell us that he has protested against the decision that Hindus are not white people, and consequently, are ineligible for United States citizenship, and that he will combat in the Federal Court the annulment of his citizenship.

THE WAY OF IT. Just before the breaking up of a big school the teacher, once a student at the School of Mines, gave a short lesson on "Geology and Minerals."

Some of the boys already had a smattering of subterranean, auriferous, argentiferous and arsenaceous terms. Some of them knew farinaceous, nardus, from crystallised conglomerate, and laminated granite from argillaceous galeas.

He touched upon sulphides, zones, and oxides, giving broad definitions of each. At the close of the lesson-cum-lecture he asked questions. "What is an oxide?"

A boy put his hand.

"Please, teacher, it's the skin of a bullock!"

To-day's Poem.

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,  
And a small cabin build there,  
Of clay and wattles made;  
Nine bean-rows will I have there,  
A hive for the honey bee,  
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

And I shall have some peace there,  
For peace comes dropping slow,  
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;  
There midnight's all a glimmer,  
And noon a purple glow,

And evening full of the linnet's wings.

I will arise and go now, for always  
Night and day  
I hear lake-water lapping with low sounds by the shore;  
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements gray,  
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

—W. B. Yeats.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

JUNE 20.

1788. We are burnt to the bone, and have not a lock of hay to cover our nakedness; oats are so dear, that I suppose they will soon be eaten at Brook's and fashionable tables as a rarity.

—Walpole.

PAIN.

The most intolerable pain is produced by prolonging the keenest pleasure.

—G. B. Shaw.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

June 20.—Comet Theatre: Constance Talmadge in "The Primitive Lover."

June 20.—The Star Theatre: "The Toll Gate."

June 20.—World Theatre: "Brass."

June 20.—Queen's Theatre: "Maritime."

PUBLIC AUCTION.  
June 21.—Lammert Bros. at Sales Rooms, Jobbing types etc., 11 a.m.  
June 25.—Lammert Bros. at Sales Rooms, printing machine etc., noon.

COMPANY MEETINGS.  
June 21.—Extraordinary general meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, 11.30 a.m.  
June 21.—Further extraordinary meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, 11.30 a.m.

September 16.—Extraordinary general meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, noon.

October 8.—Second meeting of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.

October 20.—Third meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.

OTHER MEETINGS.  
June 23.—Annual general meeting of the Peak Club at the Club, 6.30 p.m. and extraordinary general meeting immediately after.

July 14.—Further extraordinary meeting of the Peak Club, 6.30 p.m.

CHINESE SETTLERS.

SCHEME FOR BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

HONGKONG MAN'S VISIT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Sandauk, June 1.

Mr. Lo Suen-wing who was deputed, it is reported, by the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce to visit British North Borneo and to report with reference to the suggested Chinese immigration scheme for the Government as well as for private estates, has arrived. He has visited nearly all the principal places and estates where Chinese labour is employed and his report will, no doubt, make interesting reading. This is, it is believed, the outcome of the visit paid last year by the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.B.E., the Hongkong Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

[An inquiry at the local Chamber of Commerce has brought forth the reply that the visit is not under the auspices of the Chamber. From the Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, it was gathered that Mr. Lo went with an introduction to the British North Borneo Government. This is a sequel to Mr. Hallifax's trip last year when, on his return, he discussed the prospects of Chinese immigration into Borneo with many Hongkong residents. It appears that Borneo is anxious that Chinese of the suitable class should settle there and it is expected that Mr. Lo will make a report on his return.]

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One case of cerebro spinal fever, Chinese, was notified yesterday.

Since June 7, the Canton Government Mint has been turning out a large number of 20-cent silver pieces, writes our special correspondent. For a few days the local market hesitated to circulate them, charges of low standard being responsible for the hesitation. Now the authorities are offering \$5,000 cash reward for information leading to the arrest of persons counterfeiting.

"The cause of the world distress and the answer to the question 'What Next' will be given in a free lecture by William Tieney of Brooklyn, New York, on Sunday at the World Theatre at 2.30 p.m. and at the Queen's Theatre at 4 p.m. There will be a special orchestra. The lecture is being given under the auspices of the International Bible Students' Association.

According to our special Canton correspondent, students recently dismissed from the Holy Trinity College, a Church Missionary Society School, and Sacred Heart College, Roman Catholic, of Canton, are being joined by Government students in their agitation against missionary institutions. The students are calling on the public and the press to support a movement for more rigid supervision of foreign managed schools by the Chinese authorities.

The first and second coxswain's of the a.s. "Carnarvonshire" were committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions yesterday on a charge of being in possession of a Mauser pistol and stock.

Evidence given at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday was to the effect that while revenue officers were searching the ship, the first defendant took something from under his coat and threw it on the bridge deck. R. O. Lanigan saw the second defendant, who was standing at the top of the ladder leading to the bridge-deck, pick up the article and throw it overboard. Instructions were then given to a Chinese revenue officer to engage a sampan and dredge the spot where the article was thrown.

After an hour's dredging a Mauser and stock were discovered.

In a statement the first defendant stated that the pistol he had was not so big as the one produced in Court. The second defendant said that the first defendant called out to him to throw the article overboard and that he did not know anything about it.

Outgoing passengers by the "President Jefferson" include Mr. W. J. Hawker, Mr. P. S. Lewis, Mr. H. W. Ray, and Dr. Wan Man-ka.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

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BANK'S AFFAIRS.

ACTING MANAGER SOUGHT.

WARRANT FOR ARREST.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Warrants have been issued by the Canton police, it is reported, for the arrest of Ow Hei-ming, also known as Harry Ow, acting Manager of the recently suspended Chinese Merchants' Bank in Canton. Instead of attending to the winding up of the affairs of the institution, pending liquidation process, Mr. Ow is alleged to have departed from the city, leaving only his former assistants in charge. Mr. Ow is a returned student from America, having graduated from a college in one of the Middle States. He was one of the Canton Merchants' Volunteer Corps in 1923. According to relatives of the missing manager, he retired from the bank some two months ago. Notice of his retirement in the press inserted by himself, however, only appeared the day following the suspension of the bank, says the *Yin Chiang Pao*, a Canton daily paper.

OFFICE REMOVED.

An advertisement in to-day's issue confirms the report published in the *China Mail* this week that Mr. John Fleming has been appointed special manager of the Chinese Merchants' Bank, Ltd., which suspended payment last week. The bank's office will be removed to the office of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews.

THROWING PEPPER.

HEAVY SENTENCE FOR THIEF.

That he threw pepper in the eyes of a woman and robbed her of a pair of gold bangles was the charge against Wong Kau who was found guilty at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment and ten strokes of the cat.

Mr. J. H. B. Nihill prosecuted for the Crown and said that on May 4 as the woman was washing clothes in her house at Shanghai Street the man approached, threw pepper in her eyes and took the bangles from her arm. There was another man with him and as soon as the woman recovered she gave chase but failed to catch them. She then found that three other women who were in the house had also had pepper thrown into their eyes.

When confronted with a number of men at Mongkok police station the woman whose bangles had been stolen immediately identified prisoner by means of a scar on his temple.

When the police, acting on information, had arrested prisoner near the Yaumati Railway Station he had resisted and the officer had to obtain assistance. On the way to the police station—the man offered a bribe to the policeman who had arrested him if he would let him go.

Defendant said that it was a case of mistaken identity. He had not committed any robbery and he was picked out by mistake. On being asked if he wished to call any witnesses prisoner called three men in the court, two of whom said they could not speak as to his character and the other said he did not know him.

FOOTBALL SUCCESS.

INTERESTING HONGKONG FUNCTION.

To celebrate the feat of the senior team in winning the Hongkong Football League last season, the South China Athletic Association has arranged a special meeting of old and new members for 11 a.m. on June 22 at the Queen's Theatre.

Representatives from local schools, kindred societies and other organisations will be present. Messrs. Lai Wah are arranging some elaborate Chinese silk decorations and a variety entertainment will be provided by the Ching Woo Athletic Association, the Confucius Society and the Chinese Musical Society. The China Sun Motion Picture Co. will screen pictures taken of the football team in action.

TRAM AND BIKE.

COLLISION IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

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# ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

## INDO-CHINA GOVERNOR'S ESCAPE.

### DASTARDLY CANTON OUTRAGE.

#### BOMB THROWN AMONG DINNER PARTY.

##### THREE PERSONS KILLED AND MANY INJURED

A dastardly attempt has been made in Canton to assassinate the Governor-General of Indo-China. Happily M. Merlin escaped without injury, but a member of his party, an A.D.C., it is believed, was wounded. Three of the other guests were killed and ten injured, six seriously. The assailant escaped.

The attack was made during a dinner given by the French community in honour of the Governor-General last night and the startling news first reached Hongkong this morning. Full details are still lacking and until the Governor-General returns it will be impossible to give the whole story.

#### Bomb During Dinner.

The news first reached Hongkong this morning in a cable which briefly stated that M. Merlin was dining with the French community last night as the guest of honour. There must have been a large number of people present as there is quite a big French community in Canton.

Suddenly a bomb was thrown into the room. This exploded, killing three of the guests and injuring ten others. Six of those injured are reported to be in a critical condition.

M. Merlin, as reported above, fortunately escaped injury, and only one member of his party was injured. This gentleman is thought to be an A.D.C.

The man who threw the bomb is stated to have been chased, but is reported to have escaped by jumping into the river. He was not seen again. It is understood that he was not recognised and his identity remains a mystery.

#### Official News.

The following statement has been issued from Government House:—

His Excellency the Governor has received a radiogram from Canton to the effect that an attempt was made there last night, upon the life of H.E. M. Merlin, Governor-General of Indo-China. A bomb was thrown by an unknown person during a dinner party, given by the French community of Canton, at the Victoria Hotel, in honour of the Governor-General's visit. M. Merlin and his suite escaped injury but three of the guests were killed and six others were wounded.

Hongkong Governor's Sympathy. Upon receipt of this information, His Excellency sent the following wireless message to His Excellency M. Merlin:—

"Horrible to hear of dastardly attempt. Congratulate Your Excellency upon fortunate escape. Deeply sympathise French community loss."

#### STUBBS.

His Excellency had invited a number of people to dine at Government House this evening, to meet Madame Merlin who did not accompany her husband to Canton. Owing to the regrettable occurrence in Canton last night the dinner party has been cancelled.

The news of the attack and of M. Merlin's safety were communicated to Mme. Merlin immediately. It was received at Government House. It came as a shock to her but she has borne up very well.

#### M. Merlin's Party.

Madame Merlin did not accompany her husband to Canton but remained in Hongkong with her child as the guest of Sir Edward and Lady Stubbs at Government House. Those who went to Canton from Hongkong with M. Merlin were the Chief of the Staff, M. Chatel, the Director of Political Affairs, M. Jeanbrau, and his A.D.C., Captain Bernard. It is not known at the moment whether M. Merlin was accompanied by the Presidents of the three principal Chambers of Commerce in Indo-China, those of Saigon, Haiphong and Hanoi, who went with him to Japan and arrived here by the "Hakone Maru."

#### Identity of the Injured.

Interviewed by a representative of the China Mail this afternoon, M. Talasne, the French Consul-General in Hongkong, said that he had received only the bare information as to the names of

of the outrage and he did not know who the injured persons were. In all probability they would be prominent French business people of Canton who would be sure to be present at the dinner. Asked who the French Consul at Canton was, M. Talasne replied that Dr. Casabianca was acting in that capacity for the time being.

#### Latest News.

Full details are still lacking, but the China Mail learned late this afternoon that the number killed was definitely three, one of whom are reported to be Madame Demeritz and M. Casabianca. Those severely wounded are believed to include Captain Bernard, the A.D.C., and M. Gerin (Messrs. Gerin Drevard?).

#### ATTEMPT DESCRIBED.

Portuguese Consul's Escape. M. Merlin was being entertained at dinner by the French community in the Victoria Hotel, Sharnpen. Over forty were present including the Portuguese Consul. About 9.30 last night, though some say it was 9.45, the soup plates were being removed and the entire was about to be brought in, when a bomb was thrown at the centre of the dining table.

Where the bomb came from or where the assailant stood nobody knows exactly, although it is believed that the bomb entered by way of a window. Naturally for the moment all was confusion, as it was not known what had happened and if another bomb was to follow.

#### Shots In The Dark.

It appears that the assailant took advantage of the momentary panic to escape towards the river. Nevertheless he was hotly pursued, shots being fired at his fast retreating form. Owing to the darkness all the shots went wide, but the fugitive returned the fire before disappearing into the river.

Owing to the late hour at which the outrage took place, few in Canton got to hear of the attempt until this morning. The Canton officials were informed shortly after the outrage and their detectives were active all night co-operating with the Sharnpen police in searching for the criminal.

#### M. Merlin's Journey.

When the news was first made public that M. Merlin intended making a visit to Japan there were rumours abroad as to the visit being of a political nature but, in interviews given in Shanghai M. Merlin denies this.

M. Merlin arrived in Hongkong from Shanghai by the "Hakone Maru" and he left yesterday morning by the French gunboat "Craonne" for Canton. When he left his intentions were to visit Macao on Saturday, return to Hongkong on Sunday and sail that afternoon for Indo-China.

M. Merlin received an enthusiastic reception during his short stay in Hongkong and was met by His Excellency the Governor and prominent Government officials. During a reception by the Hongkong Annamite Society reference was made to what several speakers referred to as M. Merlin's sympathetic views and M. Merlin in reply spoke with hope of the future of Indo-China and said that its development would be a responsible role for the Annamites to fulfil.

#### Later.

A private cable received states that the French Acting Consul was only seriously injured and not killed. A French doctor from the Hospital Drouin is also said to

#### HIRED ASSASSIN?

##### DOCK CONTRACTOR ■ MURDERED.

#### STABBED TO HEART WITH FILE DAGGER.

##### DIES IN THE ARMS OF HIS WIFE.

A paid assassin is suspected of murdering a Chinese sub-contractor, Ma Tso who was stabbed to death in Chatham Road, Kowloon last night. Ma Tso was found lying in the road unconscious near his house with a wound over his heart inflicted by the deadly file dagger the murderous, but innocent looking instrument akin to the Spanish stiletto. The victim of the assassin's knife collapsed in the arms of his wife and succumbed without regaining consciousness. Guild rivalry is the Police theory as to the motive of the dastardly crime.

According to information received by a China Mail representative, Ma Tso was a sub-contractor employed at the Kowloon Docks on the construction of a new ferry boat for the Star Ferry.

The tragic event took place last night, when Ma was stabbed to death. He was found unconscious at 8.40 p.m., lying in the road on Chatham Road near the junction of Cook Street. His left breast was punctured directly over the heart with a small, but clean wound. Ma's wife discovered her dying husband, and at the door of their house at 54 Chatham Road, he died in her arms.

The wound was apparently done by a file dagger, an instrument according to the Police, used only by the expert assassin. It has a blade about six inches in length, sharply pointed at the end but with three razor-like edges tapering off in the form of a triangle. Its point pierces straight to the heart and except for the peculiar form of the wound leaves little trace.

No clue as to the identity of the murderer has yet been found. It is probable the attack may have been made some distance away from Chatham Road and the victim in his agonies rushed for his home until he was too weak to go any farther.

The Police's work in tracing the assassin is made all the more difficult by the fact that the sub-contractor did not recover sufficiently, even for a brief moment, to utter the name of his attacker.

#### CANTON TROOPS.

##### SUN YAT-SEN'S AWKWARD PROBLEM.

##### OBSTINATE MERCENARIES.

##### (From Our Special Correspondent.)

Dr. Sun Yat-sen, in order to have more time to recover his health, has put Hu Han-min, a former Governor-General of Kwangtung, in charge of the General Headquarters of the Generalissimo in Canton. Mr. Hu is trying to follow up the order to remove the troops from the city to the outskirts, but the mercenaries whom Dr. Sun has brought to Canton are failing to obey the order. Instead of the reign of terror being lessened, the mercenaries seem to have been angered by the order to drive them out of the city. Crimes continue as usual, and on the night of June 15, one policeman was killed and three others were wounded by lawless troops when the former tried to enforce proper richa fares for coolies the latter engaged.

The chief commanders of the mercenaries of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, including General Yang Hsi-min of the Yunnanese, General Tan Yen-kai of the Hunanese, General Fan Chung-hsiao of the Hunanese, General Liu Chen-huan of the Kwangsi-ites, have been conferring in Sheklung, an important town on the East River territory of Kwangtung, the last few days before June 15, the date fixed for Liao Chung-hoi, a Cantonese, to resume the Civil Governorship of Kwangtung. A report which Dr. Sun's press bureau deny but which is current, states that these mercenaries will no longer seriously fight for their Generalissimo, who is encouraging the Cantonese themselves, especially the Cantonese troops nominally under General Hou Chung-chi, to depend no more on the hired troops imported from outside.

The Duke of Connaught, speaking at the 120th annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society, stated that of every nine British subjects seven were able to read or might read the Scriptures in their mother tongue. During the year ended March 31, last, the society distributed 8,540,990 copies of the scriptures.

#### PORTUGUESE FLIERS.

##### HONGKONG RECEPTION PLANS.

##### SOUVENIR PRESENTATION LIKELY.

The Portuguese Consul General is of the opinion that the Portuguese airmen did not leave Hanoi for Macao this morning. According to present arrangements Macao will be advised as soon as the departure is made and Hongkong will, in turn, be immediately notified. For the present there will be little to do except to wait for the definite announcement of their departure on their last lap. Plans for their reception in Macao are complete.

Mr. A. P. B. Silva-Netto, President of the Club Lusitano, interviewed by the China Mail to-day, said that the Hongkong Consul General was forming a committee to arrange a reception in the Club if the three aviators accepted the invitation of the Portuguese community in Hongkong. A meeting of this committee would be held to formulate plans but beyond the reception at the club, Mr. Silva-Netto did not think that much else could be done in such a short space of time. However, it was probable that a presentation or souvenir would be given to the aviators as a memento from the Hongkong Portuguese residents.

#### WORLD FLIGHTS.

##### MacLAREN AND THE AMERICANS.

##### WILL THEY MEET?

Bangkok, June 19.—The American world fliers have arrived here. Reuter.

Bangkok is 1,200 miles from Tourane where the aviators were delayed through trouble with Lieut. Smith's machine. They were thought to have left Tourane early Monday morning. They are now 900 miles from Akay where MacLaren is still believed to be reassembling his machine.

MacLaren will be making for Bangkok as soon as he is ready and it is distinctly probable that the airmen will meet between the two places, possibly somewhere in the neighbourhood of Rangoon.

#### DARDANELLES PERCES.

##### LORD WESTER-WEMYSS'S BOOK.

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Wester-Wemyss's work, "The Navy in the Dardanelles Campaign" (Hodder and Stoughton, 16s.), is an admirable study of the Gallipoli operations by one of the chief actors in them. It is thrilling to a degree; we re-live the agony of those days in its tragic pages, and the final chapter, which examines the causes of our repulse, is full of wise thought and instruction for posterity.

Lord Wester-Wemyss is convinced that the forcing of the Dardanelles was possible, had the attack been properly planned and organised. He places a considerable share of the responsibility for its failure upon Lord Fisher.

These are some "crystals" from the book:

The Australians are the most magnificent body of men I have ever seen. I thought the Canadians very fine as raw material, but these men are even finer. One really feels proud of one's race.

How splendid are the regimental officers and the rank and file! They are, indeed, heroes. What stuff there is in the ordinary Englishman, if people only knew how to get it out of him!

The other day there was an armistice to bury the dead; while it was going on a Turkish officer strolled up to our lines and found a chaplain reading the service over a large grave. When it was finished, he took off his fez, looked down into the grave, and said in a loud voice: "God bless all true soldiers and eternally damn all politicians."

Our submarines out here have done splendidly. Had our torpedoes at the commencement of the war been as good as they should have been, there would have been a very different story to tell now.

Our midshipmen were little more than children. In spite of their youth and inexperience they handled the men and boats committed to their charge with a firmness, courage, and determination that was truly admirable. A fine book, which all should read who wish to realise the

#### CANTON'S BURDEN.

##### ANOTHER SPECIAL TAX.

##### FOREIGN IMPORTS AFFECTED.

##### (From Our Special Correspondent.)

A special war tax of two and one-half per cent. on sugar and valorem, aside from the usual customs and transit duties, will be levied in Canton. The measure was made effective on June 17 by the Assistant Secretary of Finance to Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Persons holding sugar on June 17 have been given an opportunity to report their stock on hand within seven days ending June 24 in order to exempt their goods from this special assessment, otherwise they will be subject to the tax.

The military authorities divide sugar into eight classes or grades, including white, brown, candy, refined syrup, molasses, fruit juice or extracts containing sugar, and native plate sugar. Foreign import as well as native production is subject to the special war tax and a fine of five to twenty times the duty or tax payable will be imposed on persons attempting to avoid or failing to comply with this new measure.

In addition to special war tax on sugar in Canton, the recently dropped proposal to require heavier stamp duty on cosmetics and toilet articles ordinarily considered as luxuries will be renewed by the military authorities. According to a recent estimate submitted by an official in Dr. Sun's headquarters some \$1,700,000 to \$2,400,000 a year may be raised from this source, charging ten per cent. stamp duty on these articles.

#### CANTON DANCE HALLS.

##### POLICE TO IMPOSE CONTROL.

##### (From Our Special Correspondent.)

Steps will soon be taken by the police authorities in Canton to regulate the so-called dancing halls conducted by Russian women, which now number not a few in that city. These dancing halls are frequented mostly by sailors from foreign gunboats in Canton Harbour.

#### OUR WATER SUPPLY.

##### SUFFICIENT FOR SUMMER NEED.

As the result of inquiries made at the Public Works Department the China Mail learns that there is quite sufficient water in storage for the summer months. The quality of the water in the Western district mains is causing a little anxiety and it is hoped largely to remedy this within the course of the next two months. In order that the trouble may be permanently remedied enquiries are being made at home regarding new plant.

#### YESTERDAY'S RAINFALL.

Any who anticipated a four or five inch rainfall during yesterday's and last night's torrential downpour will be surprised to hear that for the twenty four hours ending at 9.30 this morning only 3.265 inches were recorded at the Observatory gauge.

#### COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

##### CANTON CEMENT.

##### (From Our Special Correspondent.)

The Kwangtung Cement Works, a plant producing 500 casks daily, has stopped operation. The plant has been taken charge of by Yunnanese troops for some time. This is the only cement works in Canton.

#### NAM PAK HONG MARKETS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations, basis usual guild terms, were as follows:—

Java sugar, average quality, per picul net:—"Futures" No. 24 rough white—July delivery \$10.48, August delivery \$10.33, September delivery \$10.23. "Spot"—No. 24 rough white \$12.80, No. 24 fine white \$14.30, No. 18 rough brown \$12.05, Java brown \$11.30.

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.:—Sherry's XXX \$3.55, White Greens \$2.77, Nutmeg Orange \$2.72, Kingfisher \$2.85, Make \$2.80, Big Gun \$2.72, Tiger Shield \$2.85, Globe \$2.65, Old Mill \$2.65, Raindeer \$2.65, Melon \$2.75, White Rose \$2.55, Dayton \$2.55, Banana \$2.65, Kwan Tao \$2.55.

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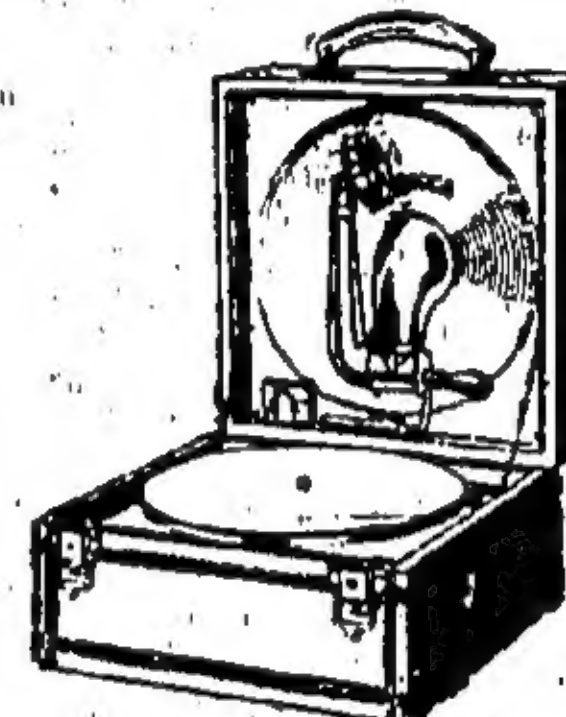
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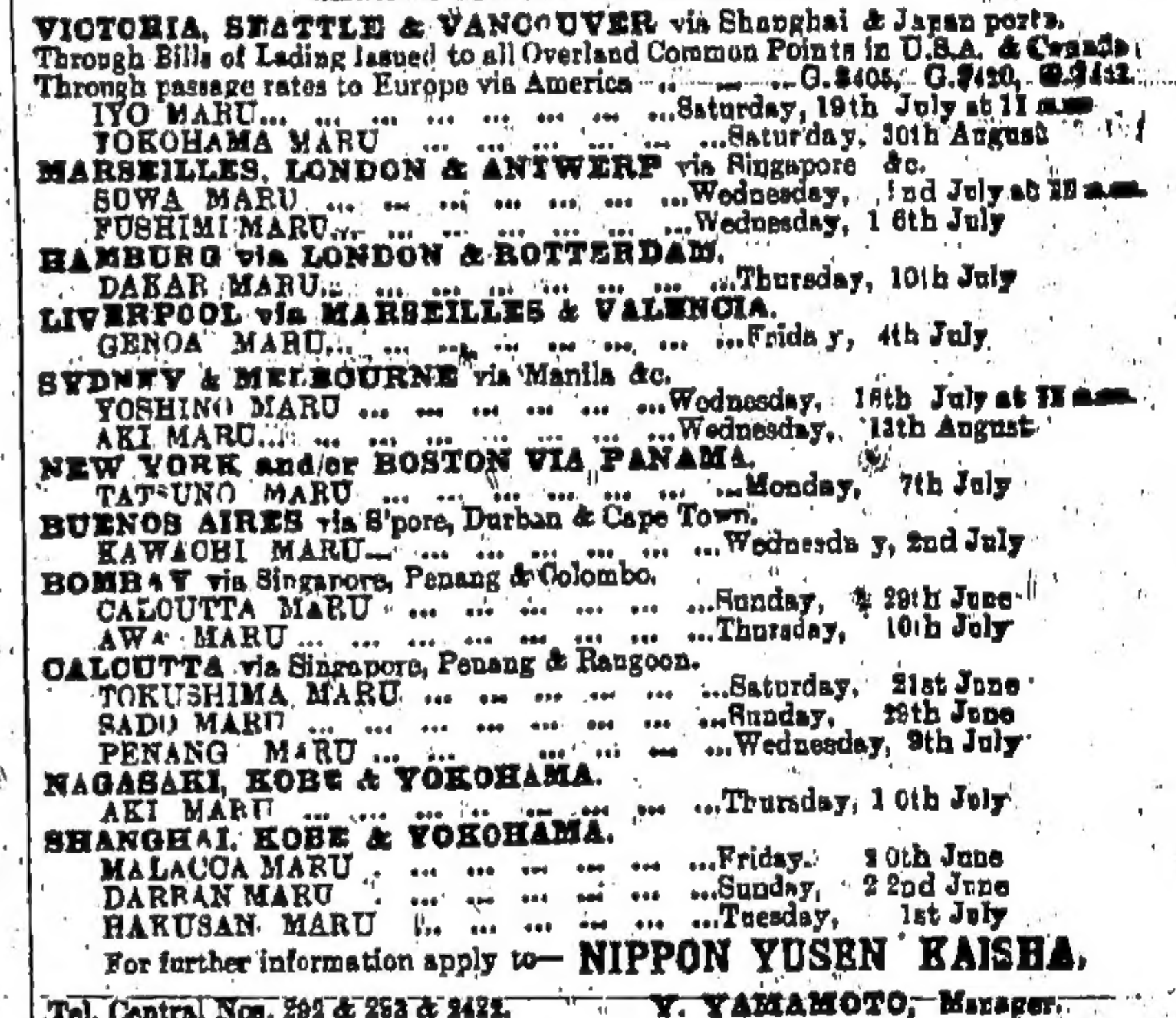
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Loach.—Wu Yu ..		68
Lobster.—Lung Ha Yu ..		80
Mackerel.—Chi Yu ..		38
Monk Fish.—Mung Yu ..		52
Mullet.—Tsai Yu ..		32
Oysters.—Shang Ho ..		28
Parrot Fish.—Kai Kung Yu ..		30
Pike.—Tan Lo ..		30
Pike.—Pa Fan Tong ..		16
Platan.—Pan Yu ..		28
Pomfret, Black.—Hak Chong ..		45
Pomfret, White, Pak Cheong ..		50
Prawns.—Ming Ba ..		70
Pike.—Pai Po Sha ..		10
Rock Fish.—Shak Kan Kuang ..		14
Roach.—Chun Yu ..		32
Salmou.—Ma Yan ..		68
Shark.—Sha Yu ..		18
Skate.—Po Yu ..		10
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Bitter Squash, — Fa Kwa	... ..	10	—
Brinjal, Green, — Ching Yau Kwa	... ..	8	5
" Red, — Hung Kwe	... ..	5	8
Cabbage Chinese, (common)	... ..	—	—
" — Kai Tsoi	... ..	6	—
" (Shanghai) — Ye Tsoi	... ..	10	12
Cass Shuts, bunch, — Kaa Shan	... ..	—	—
Cauliflower (Large), — Ye Tsoi Fa caoh	... ..	—	—
(Medium),	... ..	—	—
(Small),	... ..	—	—
Carrots, — Kam Shuen	... ..	lb	6
Celery Chinese, — Tung Kan Tsoi	... ..	8	10
Chillies, Dried, — Koo Lai Chiao	... ..	30	25
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Lettuces, — Yeung Shang Tsoi	... ..	lb	6
Water Chestnuts, — Ma Tai	... ..	lb	10
" Mandarin, — Kwai	... ..	—	—
" Sam Mei	... ..	12	10
Mushrooms, Fresh, — Shang Tse Kait	... ..	35	—
Okrozes, — Koo Koo	... ..	lb	1
Onions, Bombay, — Yeung Chung Tau	... ..	lb	10
Onions, Green, — Shang Chung	... ..	lb	8
Onions, Shanghai, — Sheung-hoi	... ..	—	4
" Chung Tau	... ..	8	6
Parsley, — Kun Tsoi	... ..	35	40
Potato, Sweet, — Fan Shin	... ..	5	3
" Japanese, — Yat Pun Shui Tai	... ..	lb	3
" American, — Fa Ki She Tai	... ..	lb	8
Pumpkin, — Tung Kwa	... ..	lb	5
Radish, — Hung Lo Pak Tai	... ..	5	3
Rhubarb (Fresh), — Tai Wong	... ..	—	8
Shallots, — Keng Chung Tau	... ..	35	8
Spinach, — Yin Tsoi	... ..	35	4
Tomatoes, — Fan He	... ..	35	12
Turnips, — Wu Tau	... ..	35	5
Turnips, Pencil, (Long), — Lo Pak	... ..	35	4
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### KIDNAPPING CHARGE.

#### TAKING AWAY BOY TO KONGMOON.

Three Chinese, a youth, an older man and his son were charged before Mr. J. E. Lindell at the Central Magistrate's yesterday afternoon with kidnapping and harboring a boy of thirteen years. An Indian guard on the "Leung Kwong" stated that while going to the shore of the steamer deck of the ship, which was proceeding to Kongsong, he overheard a conversation between the first defendant and another man not in custody as to the disposal of the kidnapped boy when they arrived at Samsung. The defendant was arrested, and as a result of enquiries the father and son, who were with him, were also taken into custody. The trio, together with the boy, were taken back to Hong Kong and handed over to the Police.

The little boy, who was called to give evidence, said he had agreed to go on board the ship for the purpose of being apprenticed to the first defendant at a salary of \$2 per month, but that while on board, he had overheard a conversation between the three defendants with regard to selling him. The first defendant admitted that he was taking the boy to Kongsong with the idea of giving him a job at a shop at which he himself was employed. He did it out of sympathy as the boy appeared to be hungry when he first saw him. The Magistrate decided to send the first defendant to jail for four months with hard labour. The other two defendants would be discharged.

### JAPAN'S FINANCES.

#### COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

Tokyo, June 18.—The Ministry has adopted a policy of not floating loans in the current year, despite the fact that its predecessor's loan policy, which provided for the issue of loans amounting to 137 millions, of which amount 110 millions was for capital rehabilitation and 104 millions for extraordinary military expenditure, the balance being for rehabilitation elsewhere, also for low interest funds to individuals. The newly announced policy is contained in an official statement by the Finance Department, which reduces the amount to 295 millions approximately, which sum is being derived from Government deposits as well as the recent foreign loan. This statement of policy is warmly welcomed by the business interest, as being calculated to accelerate the economic recovery of the country.

### AMERICAN KILLED.

Shanghai, June 19.—A China Press message from Washington says the American, Mr. Hawley, manager of Arnhold Bros. and Company, Shanghai, was killed by junkmen who were negotiating against steamers as taking away their living.—Renter.

Rome, June 19.—The police have arrested Sig. Giovanni Marinelli, ex-member of the Fascist Directorate, in connection with the Matteotti kidnapping.—Renter.

Paris, June 19.—According to Le Matin, M. Herriot has declared that he would not modify French policy toward Russia without previously exchanging views with the American Government.—Renter.

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### WIRELESS NAVIGATION.

#### HOW BATTLE OF JUTLAND CAME ABOUT.

Admiral Sir Henry Jackson, presiding at a lecture on the development of wireless navigation at the Royal Society of Arts in London, described how the battle of Jutland came to be fought. "A change in the bearing of a German battleship, distant about 300 miles, of one and a half degrees in two consecutive wireless observations about an hour apart, convinced me that the German High Sea Fleet was on the move, and decided me to send our Grand Fleet to sea with all despatch to meet them, and this resulted in the battle of Jutland. Had I to make such a decision four years later, I should possibly have hesitated, for in the interim many reports from various localities indicated that direction-finding observations were liable to inexplicable variations, especially at night. These variations were investigated by the Radio Research Board, and we are now in a position to say where and up to what distance such errors make their appearance."

Sir Henry went on to emphasise the value of wireless at sea. "As an old sailor," he said, "I can personally appreciate its value, as I have served in sailing vessels in winter in the Bay of Biscay and the Channel. Very often observations were unobtainable owing to fog, and the ship's position became less known every day. Wireless telegraphic communication has changed all this. The airman of to-day must feel when he gets in touch with a wireless beacon that it is like a gift sent from the gods, as we sailors would have thought 50 years ago."

"I hope to see the rotating loop wireless beacon installed in all our large estuaries before many years are passed. It rests with our shipowners to press the Board of Trade for shore stations or to install them on board ship at their own expense. The Americans have advanced further than we have in this respect. There are 12 direction-finding stations around New York harbour alone, whilst we have only about half-a-dozen in the whole country."

Mr. J. Robinson, who has played a leading part in the development of wireless navigation, in the course of his lecture, described several methods of direction finding which have been proved successful. "An important use of directionfinders in ships," he said, "is in cases such as the loss of the 'Trevesa.' With directionfinders on board and simple transmitting apparatus in the lifeboats, ships can be led straight to the lifeboats and much misery and loss of life averted."

### UNDERWORLD LIFE.

#### WOMAN'S £400,000 FROM CRIME.

Sophie Lyons, the famous thief-reformer, died in the Grace Hospital, Detroit, a victim, it is believed, of foul play by three criminals whom she had befriended.

For 30 years the queen of the underworld, Lyons, after she had served sentences in 50 gaols, decided that honesty is the best policy and wrote her celebrated book "Why Crime Doesn't Pay." Born in New York 76 years ago, Sophie, at the age of six, was taught by her mother to pick pockets. Ten years later she travelled extensively in Europe in the company of gangs of noted thieves. One of these thieves, Ned Lyons, she married.

For years the couple conducted an international safe-blowing and swindling business which is said to have netted them at one time £400,000. After her release, 40 years ago, from the House of Correction in Detroit Sophie decided to live honestly. She married Jimmy Burke, another reformed criminal, and moved into a little cottage.

Her married life was happy and prosperous. Both parties to it kept their vow to live honestly, and in 1919, when Burke died, they had amassed a fortune of £200,000 from estate dealings. Sophie's favourite maxim was that "Once a thief, always a thief is the blackest lie ever hatched."

Rich and respected as an honourable business woman, she devoted her life and money to persuading criminals to eschew crime. She was visited recently by three criminals whom she had befriended and tried to reform. Their names she kept secret. Yet they had accused her of "squealing to the police" and threatened to "get her."

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### MRS. ASQUITH.

#### OFFERED £10,000 FOR AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

The Yorkshire Evening News published extracts from an interview Mrs. Asquith has given to a newspaper published in British Columbia.

According to this Mrs. Asquith told her interviewer that she had written her autobiography for the same reason which took her to America to lecture. She wanted money. She said:

"You see, after I had married Mr. Asquith and when he became Prime Minister, we were not exactly wealthy. To be perfectly truthful, my husband hadn't a sou in the world—not a sou, with the exception of 25,000 he received as salary. Of course he owned stocks and things, but when he became Prime Minister he turned in every single share stock which could have been touched by the Government, just as a matter of principle. I had £5,000 a year of my own, and this, together with my husband's salary, was what we had to live on. Anyone can tell you that living at No. 10, Downing-street is rather expensive. Of course, we spent quite as much as we possessed. We had to."

I never had the faintest idea of publishing my autobiography. Ever since I had been a child I had kept a diary. Somehow a report of this diary got about London and one day a publisher whom I knew only slightly came to me and made me the extraordinary offer of £10,000 if I would permit him to publish it. Why, I thought the man had gone mad! It was the shock of my life.

When I recovered my speech I informed him that I most emphatically consented to the publication. Not only that but I wanted money badly I would get to work immediately to put it into shape for printing.

### Scotsman's Paris Shop.

There is a famous perfumer's shop in Paris in the Rue St. Honoré where Gladys Cooper buys face powder. Lady Curzon and Lady Astor are other patrons, and on his recent visit the Prince of Wales went there to buy gifts. The shop is kept by a Scotsman, who speaks perfect French (says "Gadabout" in the Daily Chronicle), and whose preparations are sold nowhere else. She has a new perfume, "Armado," which has occasionally been detected in the Riviera bought large supplies of it. Of the Prince's purchases, one I have seen was a little silver and enamel porte-parfum. Another was a new kind of vanity case dangle from a semi-circular ivory plaque. He asked, by the way, that a special one with a black cat design should be made for him.

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### PASSENGERS.

#### DEPARTURE.

Per A.O.F. s.s. "Pres. Jefferson" on June 30.—Messrs W. J. Hawker, P. S. Lewis, E. C. McCulloch, L. B. Burke, Messrs D. Ridgway, M. Ridgway, Mrs. Ridgway, Mrs. L. L. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Baker, Messrs K. C. Wong, S. E. Lawrence, Mrs. W. Lee, Messrs A. M. Rowner, C. J. Ferguson, H. W. Ray, A. J. Curtis, W. F. Carman, K. Y. Wu, Miss M. L. Sprone, Mr. F. L. Bullock, Mrs. J. E. Denton, Miss A. F. Hickman, Master J. Hickman, Miss E. Hickman, Messrs E. F. Hickman Jr., F. J. Hickman, Mr. Dean H. Fagler, Miss F. Fagler, Mr. Henry B. Phipps, Mrs. Lily Phipps, Dr. Wan Man Kai, Mr. W. L. Yang, Miss S. C. Wan, Mrs. Wong S. Wal, Mrs. H. T. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Leung Yan Tin, Master Leung Yan Tin, Miss S. Laurie, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Laurie, Messrs Chin Hin, Leo Toy Fong, Mak Sheung, Yee See Que, B. L. Lallane, Mrs. F. H. Garry, Mrs. Garry, Miss Turner, Messrs J. W. Wilson, M. Romander, K. J. Hines, Mrs. Rosa Brodsky, Mr. J. H. Dikes, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Monacini, Mr. Huang Shih Fong, Mr. So Hung Shun, Mrs. Chiu Shue, Missa Yee Gu Har, Young Kung, Messrs J. A. Cuzdar, T. A. Gabriel, L. Fontes, H. Lufjans, Dr. P. J. A. Gramor, Messrs O. D. Jackman, W. C. Brookman, Fletcher S. Brookman, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Stokes, Mrs. J. Parker, Mrs. S. O. Harding, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Colts, Miss E. B. Colts, Dr. and Mrs. J. Hoffman, Miss C. Hoffman and Master J. H. Hoffman.

Estate of the gross value of £185,723 was left by Mr. David W. Wybrants, of Norfolk Lodge, Barnet.

Requests of £9,000 to the Poor Clergy Relief Association and £1,000 to the Clergy "Ladies' Homes were made by Miss Catherine Kemplay, of Leinster-gardens, Hyde Park, who left estate of the gross value of £81,874.

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JOHN FLEMING,  
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Hongkong, 20th June, 1924.

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Arnold Turner is shown with  
his radio-receiving set, built in a  
discarded snuffbox. School  
children are conducting a contest  
of radio set building, the limit of  
cost being one dollar. Arnold's  
set cost fifty cents and receives  
all the local stations.



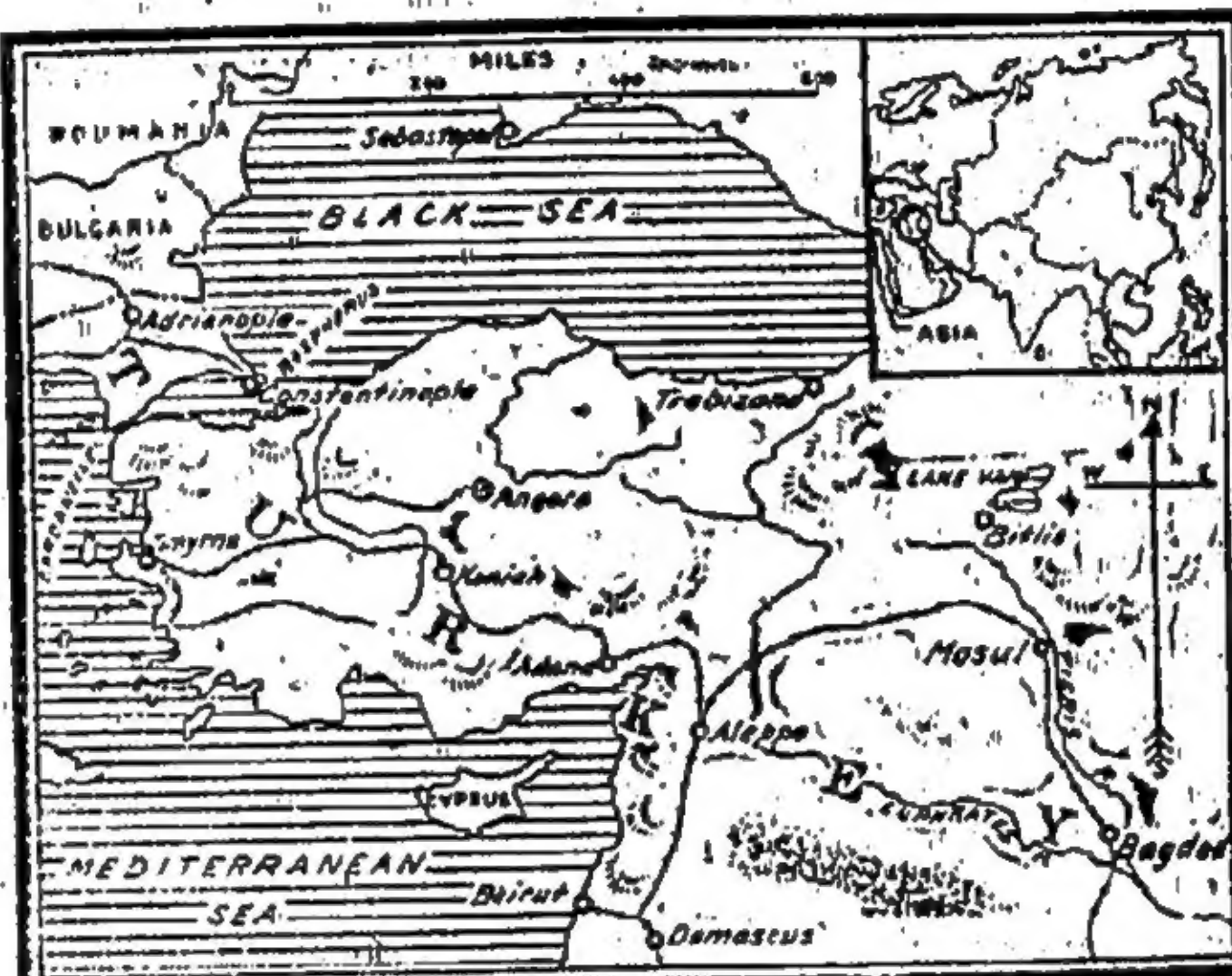
MISS FAY LEWISOHN  
Miss Fay Lewisohn, heiress to  
many of the Lewisohn millions,  
asserts, the modern debutante  
society girl needs \$35,000 a year  
for clothes, and that does not  
include furs. Two hundred and  
fifty pairs of stockings a year  
are not too many, while thirty  
gowns, thirty hats and twenty-  
five pairs of shoes are necessary.  
Then there are sport frocks,  
dancing gowns, beach costumes,  
motor costumes, lingerie, cos-  
metics and the like.



MRS. WARREN G. HARDING  
Mrs. Florence Kling Harding,  
wife of the late President Warren  
G. Harding, was the guest of  
honour of the city of Bridgeport  
at the cornerstone laying and  
dedicating ceremonies of the  
Warren Harding High School  
there.



SMALLEST DICTIONARY  
The smallest dictionary in the  
world, it is said, is owned by Mrs.  
Joseph Griffin whose daughter is  
displaying it. The tiny volume,  
1 1/4 inches long, 13-16 of an inch  
wide and 5-16 of an inch thick,  
contains 14,000 words.



BAGHDAD RAILWAY SOUGHT—Negotiations be-  
tween the British and Turks are under way at Constantinople  
to determine which shall control the Baghdad Railway and  
the nearby oil fields of Mosul. The question also includes  
the control of the Straits against Russian aggression.  
Other international syndicate.



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Coming-of-Age Celebrations of the Marquis of Clydesdale. Amateur Theatricals by  
Members of the Duke and Duchess of Hamilton's Family and House Party. John Drink-  
water's "Mary Stuart" was played at the Riding School, Hamilton Palace, before 300 people  
composed of wives and children of the estate employees, etc. There was also a luncheon and a  
dance. The photograph shows (left to right) "Mary Stuart" (Lady Jean Douglas Hamilton),  
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